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Pacific Northwest Section, American Water Works Association

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RE: Reallocation Implementation Questions

At a meeting on August 9, 2017, we discussed developing a list of questions regarding implementation of the Willamette Basin Project Reallocation. Below are the initial questions developed by the Oregon Water Utility Council's (OWUC) Willamette Reallocation Subcommittee. We look forward to a continued dialog regarding these questions and the reallocation process.

**Protected Stored Water Releases**

- 1) Does OWRD intend to convert the stored water Minimum Perennial Stream flows (MPSFs) or will the state apply for a new instream water right for the use of stored water?
  - (a) If so, what is the process and the opportunity for public involvement?
  - (b) If so, what is the significance of the MPSF adoption date/priority date?
- 2) How will impacts to natural flow water right holders due to protection of stored water be evaluated, considered, and addressed?
- 3) How does the release of stored water for lower basin out-of-stream users get considered in the stored water released to meet fish flow targets?

**Protected Natural Flow**

- 1) Does OWRD intend to convert the natural flow MPSFs?
  - (a) If so, what is the process and the opportunity for public involvement?

**Contracting**

- 1) For the stored water for fish resources (stored water MPSF or stored water ISWR), from whom will the contract for stored water be obtained and what will be the cost per acre-foot?
- 2) Who will administer the stored water contracts for M&I use?
- 3) How will the various contracts (irrigation, fish, M&I, joint use) be administered and coordinated?



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### **Proportional Sharing**

- 1) In a below average year, how will the share the shortfall concept be implemented? Will there be a formula? Forecasting? What tools are contemplated to manage this?
- 2) Will the share the shortfall amounts be calculated on water rights? Allocation space?

### **OWRD – M&I Reservation**

- 1) How does the pending M&I reservation fit into the reallocation effort?

### **ODFW – MPSF Conversion Questions**

- 1) Does ODFW intend to adjust the stored water MPSFs – rates, time of year, etc.?
- 2) Of the stored water released to meet the Bi-Op what proportion will be under the stored water MPSFs and what proportion will be under another water right?

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

- 1) What will the State do to ensure stakeholder involvement throughout the remainder of the reallocation process?